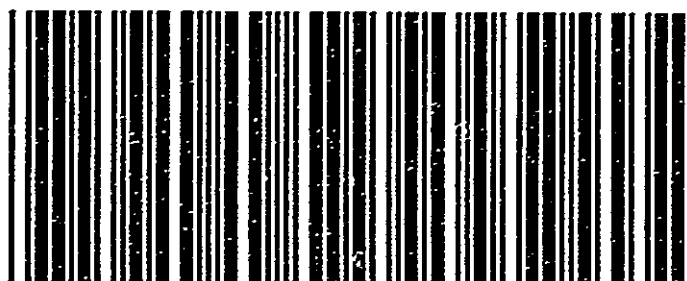


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6939 Private  
Robert Mactier

23rd Battalion



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23rd Battn.

"V.C." **MACTIER,**  
Robt.  
6939

K. 1/9/18

I saw him lying in the trench beside Cpl. Finlay at Mont St. Quentin on 1/9/18. He had been shot by a Ho. " Gnr. when he was rushing a machine gun. He was one of the Battalion footballers and a very popular chap. He was buried by Battalion Padre - either Major Cleveland or Capt. Jeffries at Clery with several others. A cross was erected for him.

V. Deakin,  
H.E.A.T. "Castalia"  
30/5/19.

CARTER, "M.M."  
W.T.E., 2592  
23rd Battn.

*M. M. Carter*

A.I.F. 23rd Batta.

MASTIER  
R. 5939

"KILLED IN ACTION 1.9.18"

Buried Clery British Cemetery 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles N.W. of Peronne.  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs List 27.11.18

London  
28.11.18

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Havre

Australians. 23.

14th December 1918.

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Mactiar R. No. 6929.

K. 1st Sept 1918. Det D/B.

B.Coy. H.Q. Runner. I saw him killed by H.Q. Fire at Mont St Quentin. I am almost sure he was buried at a new Cemetery at Mont St Quentin. He was a farmer in civil life, dark hair, rather wavy, always with smiling, and very popular. He was recommended for the V.C. Clean shaven, about 5 feet 8, stoutly built, about 24 to 28.

Inf:- Pte A.W.Horton No.6911/A.  
A.I.F. 23. B. VI.  
Austra. Conv. Depot.

HJB.

M

PP.

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23rd Bn.,  
A.I.F.

MACFIE  
HARTIS.

R. 6959.

"Killed 1-9-18."

"I saw Bob Martin, runner of B. Coy, killed during the hop-over at Mont St. Quentin about 7 a.m. He was hit in the body and chest and only lived a few minutes. He tried to speak to me before he died but he was not intelligible. He was in my bombing party. He was a splendid soldier and himself captured the first two machine guns. I have just got him recommended for the V.C.

I don't know where he was buried. Bob <sup>MacFie</sup> Martin was from Tatura, Victoria. Medium height, dark, rather big eyes, about 26 years old.

Informant:- Lieut V. Dixon,  
23rd Bn., B. Coy.,  
A.I.F.

London,  
17-12-18.  
H.G.

H.

Hayre

17th December 1918.

Australians. 23.

Mactiar R. No. 69<sup>3</sup>29.

K. 1st Sepr 1918. Det D/B.

He was killed by M.G. Bullet at Ment st Quentin. I passed over him after he was dead, but can't say where he was buried, but most of the men killed there were buried at Clery. He came from Tahera.

Inf:- Pte P. Belwell No. 1677.  
A.I.F. 23. B. VI.  
Austra. Conv. Depot.

CRR.

M

PP.

23rd Battn.  
A.I.F.

MACTIER.  
R. 6939.

"Killed in Action 1-9-18"

I saw Mactier's body on Sept 1st at the foot of  
Mont St Quentin. I recognised him. He had been killed  
by machine gun bullets. That was the last time I saw him.  
Height about 5ft 7 or 8, nuggety build.  
*Death must have been instantaneous.*

Informant:- Prior.L.P.3752.  
23rd Battn.  
3rdCA.A.H.DARTFORD.

R.B.Davison.  
London.  
1/5-1-19.  
H.G.

M.

Hayze

12th February 1919.

Australians. 23.

6989  
✓ MacTier R. 6030  
✓ Ryan A.E. 5089.

K. 1st Sept 1918. Det D/B.

I saw their bodies about 1 kilometre this side of  
Mont St Quentin. They were being brought down for burial.  
They were buried near Clery, on the Somme.

Inf:- Cpl H.M. Swanson No. 2448.  
A.S.F. 23. B. H.Q.  
Austra. Demob. Camp.

IAH.

H.F.

M

PP.



A.I.F.  
23rd Bttn.  
B.Co.

MACTIER.  
R. 6939

Killed 1.9.18.

Mactier was known as Nuggety or Little Mac.  
We went into action on 1.9.18. at Mont St. Quentin where he  
was killed after attacking a German M.G. post by himself, having  
killed 4 Germans and was then himself killed by the remaining  
German on the Fritz gun. For this Mactier was awarded the "VC"  
He was buried in Clery Military Cemetery.

Informant:- 5898 E.G. Welsh.  
23rd Bttn. A.I.F.  
4.4.19.

O.S.W.  
London.  
11.4.19  
HG.

M.

23rd Btn.

MACTIER, R.  
Pte. 6939.

Y. in act. 1/9/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, dark complexion, about 25 years of age, known as "Rob". He was a V.C. man. Casualty was taking a German Machine Gun Post at Mont St. Quentin. I was in the same party. He was hit by a machine gun bullet which killed him instantly. I was 20 yds. away at the time he was hit and I passed his body coming back. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- Pte. J. A. Simpson,  
No. 6892, 23rd Btn.

Private address:-  
Palpeup. O.O.

T.C.F.  
21/2/19.

M  
Ed  
W.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

23rd Btn.

MACTIER...  
Pte. R. No. 6939

Kid. in act. 1.9.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built man, 5' 6", dark complexion about 23 years of age, known as Robert. Casualty was in the advance at Peronne. He was attacking machine gun positions by himself. He had taken two and was going for the third when he was shot by a machine gun bullet. I saw his body next day. He was carried out and buried 2 kilos from the main road. There was a cross erected with his name, number and unit."

Informant:- J. Howell  
No. 6828

Private address  
151 Sydney Road,  
Brunswick.

N.A.T.  
25.4.19.

M. Ed. Simpson

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A.I.F.  
23rd Bn

MACTIER.  
Pte. Roberts, 6939

"For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the morning of the 1st September 1918, during an attack on the village of Mt St Quentin. Prior to the advance of the Battalion, it was necessary to clear up several enemy strong points close to our line. This the bombing patrols sent forward failed to effect, and the Battalion was unable to move. Pte. Mactier single handed and in daylight, there-upon jumped out of the trench, rushed past the block, closed with and killed the machine gun garrison of eight men with his revolver and bombs, and threw the enemy machine gun over the parapet. Then, rushing forward about twenty yards, he jumped into another strong point held by a garrison of six men, who immediately surrendered. Continuing to the next block through the trench, he disposed of an enemy machine gun which had been enfilading our flank advancing troops, and was then killed by another machine gun at close range.

It was entirely due to this exceptional valour and determination of Pte. Mactier that the battalion was able to move on to the its "jumping off" trench and carry out the successful operation of capturing the village of Mt. St Quentin a few hours later."

Extract from Supplement to Anzac Bulletin,  
A.R.C.S. 36 Grosvenor Place,  
London S.W.1. 23.4.19.

London.  
23.4.19.  
J.E.A.

M.

AIF.  
23rd Btn.

MACTIER.  
R. 6939

Killed 1.9.18.

I didn't see Mactier, B.Co. killed by machine gun bullets at Mont St Quentin just before the hopover. He took two machine gun positions by himself and was shot at the third. I don't think anybody saw him killed unless it was H.Morton. 23rd Btn. B.Co. (Evac.to Blighty sick) I saw Mactier's body on its way back to Clery for burial. He was buried at Clery Cemetery.  
Mactier:- Short and young.

Informant:- Sgt. H.C. Ray. 6763.  
23rd Btn. C.Co. 29.4.19.

The wonderful exploit of above in taking two machine gun position which were in a dangerous position for our troops at the Mont St Quentin hop-over must have been published in most of the Australian papers. He was awarded a posthumous VC. I doubt whether a report from an actual eye-witness can be obtained but I sent in a report from the Officer he was with. (HRM)

H.E.H.  
London.  
7.5.19.  
HG.

H.

23rd Btn.

MACTIER, R.  
Pte. 6939.

E. in act. 1/9/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man of medium build, about 5 ft. 9 ins. medium complexion, about 23 years of age. Casualty was at Hout St. Quentin front line. He attacked a machine gun post after capturing two, and was shot through the heart by a machine gun bullet. His conduct was highly praised throughout the Battalion. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- Pte. J. G. Engel,  
No. 711, 23rd Btn.

Private address:-  
16 Godfrey Avenue,  
St. Kilda.

H.A.F.  
4/4/19.

M.  
Ch. Smith

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23rd Btn.

MACTIER, R.  
Pte. No. 6939

Kld. in act. 1.9.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 8", well built, fair complexion about 26 years of age, known as "Bob" and he was a V.C. man. Casualty was advancing from a jump off trench near Friesse. He was in the same party. I did not see Casualty killed, but I saw his body lying in a trench. I examined it but found him quite dead. His body was taken back to Battalion Headquarters, and I believe he was buried near Friesse."

Informant:- Sgt. T. Stephens  
No. 2456.

Private address  
3 Gratton Street,  
Prahran.

H.A.F.  
16.5.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

25th Bn.

MACTIA, R.  
Pte. Hc. 6939

Kid. in act. 1.9.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, stout build dark complexion about 25 years of age, known as Bob. He was a V.C. man. Casualty was in the trench at Mont St. Quentin. A shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I did not see Casualty killed but I saw his body lying in the trench shortly afterwards. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- J. McQueen  
No. 1198.

Private address  
Mordialloc,  
Victoria.

T.C.F.  
23.5.19.

*M. Cozuff*

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A.I.F.  
23rd. Btn

~~6939 Pte. MacTier R.~~  
6939 Pte. MacTier R. (M.C)

6300 Pte. Corrigan, 23rd. Btn. says that if his brother, 6299  
Pte. W.G. Corrigan be written to, he can furnish full particulars  
re death and burial of above men.

C.S. Gray, Sgt.

T.S. Kildonan Castle.

J.P.O.

MacTier R.  
M. MacTier  
C. MacTier

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